

FEVER AND RASH?

CONSIDER MEASLES

An outbreak of measles is occurring in Virginia. Measles is highly contagious.

MEASLES SYMPTOMS



Suspect measles in persons with:

- Fever and rash

Ask About:



- Travel in past 3 weeks
- Vaccine history
- Exposure to measles cases



First symptoms:



- High fever
(may spike to more than 104° F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes



Rash:

- Rash breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms start
- Rash of tiny, red spots start on head and spread down body
- Tiny, white spots may be inside mouth

IF YOU SUSPECT MEASLES

- **IMMEDIATELY** give the person a surgical mask and place the masked person in a separate room with a closed door.
- **IMMEDIATELY** call the local health department to arrange testing. Do not wait for lab results to report.
- **DO NOT** routinely send suspect cases to the Emergency Department unless they require hospitalization.
- **NOTIFY** other facilities before referral.
- **DO NOT** use the room for at least **2 hours** after a suspected measles patient has left the room.

Call your local health department or 866-531-3068 for consultation.